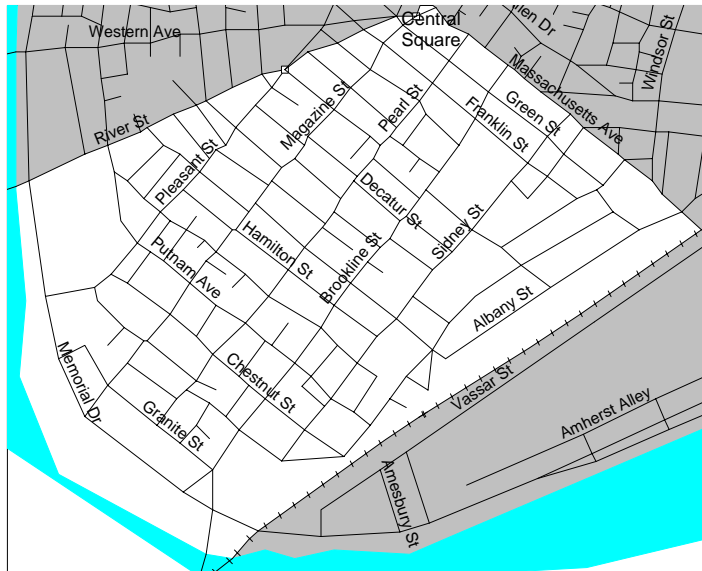
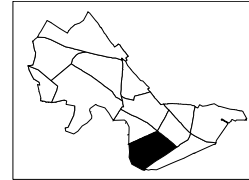


# NEIGHBORHOOD 5

## CAMBRIDGEPORT



**BOUNDARIES:** bordered by Massachusetts Avenue, the B&A railroad, the Charles River, and River Street

**POPULATION:** 10,052 residents  
4,203 households

**AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:**  
\$28,466

Neighborhood #5 is encompassed by the patrol boundaries of Car 3 (2 officers) and Car 5R (1 officer). Also included are walking routes 5A, 5B, and Central 12.

### COMPARISON OF 3<sup>RD</sup> Q. TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	32	34	39	59	38
Street Robbery	18	16	19	9	29
Auto Theft	41	46	57	50	58
Larceny from MVs	53	72	76	54	66
Malicious Destruction	52	80	90	105	111

### 2003 THIRD QUARTER IN REVIEW

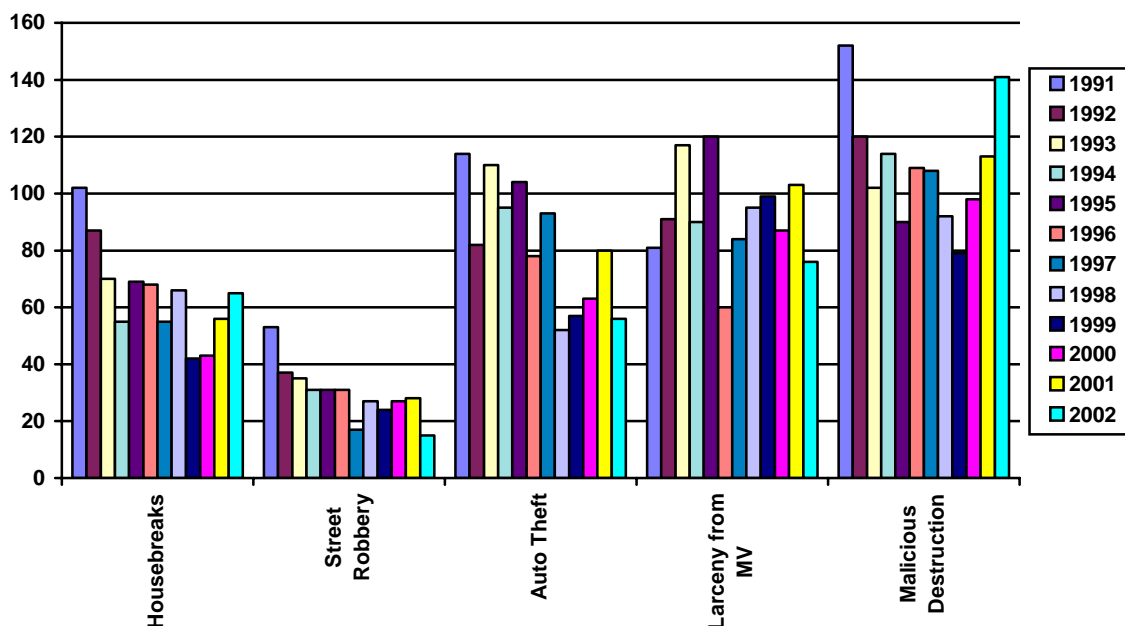
**Street robberies** increased significantly in comparison to 2002. The number of robberies has been rather consistent throughout the first three quarters of the year. During the first quarter, the robberies were concentrated in the afternoon hours and in the area of the 500 block of Massachusetts Avenue. Over the summer, robberies were prominent in the area of Brookline, Chestnut and Magazine Streets between 11PM and 3AM from Fridays to Saturdays. Many of the robbery incidents in Cambridgeport involved the threat of the use of weapons, primarily guns and knives. Of the twenty-nine reported street robbery incidents, nine resulted in an arrest. • During the third quarter **housebreaks** drastically increased, as they did in other Cambridge neighborhoods, particularly taking place on Wednesdays and Thursdays during the daytime. Almost all of the housebreaks took place in apartments and laptops were a popular target item. Areas of repeat offenses included the 0 to 200 blocks of Pearl Street, 0 to 100 blocks of Kelly Road and the 0 to 200 blocks of Brookline Street. • **Auto thefts** were highest during the summer, concentrated on Fridays through Sundays. There was one arrest for these incidents which was made by the state police and in six of the incidents the victims knew the perpetrator. During April almost all of the stolen vehicles were Hondas. Areas of multiple thefts have been the 100 to 200 blocks of Brookline Street and around the 800 block of Memorial Drive. • This area of Memorial Drive was also high in **larcenies from motor vehicles**, which peaked during the second quarter. Mondays were the most common day of the week for the summer breaks. CD car stereos have been the most popular item for theft. • The only notable rash of **malicious destruction of property** incidents took place in early January, when multiple cars were shot at with BB pellets, breaking windows and windshields. Once again, the 700 to 800 blocks of Memorial Drive incurred repeat incidents as well as the 300 to 400 blocks of Massachusetts Avenue. • Of the fourteen **drug arrests** since the beginning of the year, four were the result of Special Investigations Unit proceedings. Nearly half of the arrests were made during the third quarter. Most arrests were executed during the daytime and involved the possession and/or use of marijuana. The area of Magazine Street was the only significant repeat location.

## NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

Cambridgeport has the fifth highest residential population of the city's neighborhoods. It is characterized by several large apartment buildings as well as many one, two, and three family houses. The neighborhood is bordered by a string of retail stores, hotels, and restaurants on Memorial Drive, River Street, and Massachusetts Avenue.

- **Street robberies** have long been the most serious crime problem in Cambridgeport. As with Area 4, Cambridgeport's street robberies tend to concentrate near Massachusetts Avenue and Central Square. They are often predatory, and are usually committed after 9:00 at night on weekends.
- **Housebreaks**, usually higher than average in Cambridgeport, have declined significantly since the 1980s. The average number of housebreaks since 1991 is half of the 1980s average. And they have declined another 30 percent since 1991. Cambridgeport's housebreak rate can be attributed to its large, densely packed residential population.
- Cambridgeport has continually experienced the highest rate of **auto theft** since the 1980s. The 1999 Camry Auto Theft pattern helped to displace Cambridgeport's number one ranking by setting East Cambridge and Area 4 as the top two.
- **Larceny from motor vehicles** usually registers high in Cambridgeport.
- The homeless shelter on Albany Street is often a scene for **street robbery** and **aggravated assault** between its patrons.

## ANNUAL TOTALS



## ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR CAMBRIDGEPORT AREA TARGET CRIMES

Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	156	2	67	2	2
Street Robbery	57	2	33	2	5
Auto Theft	165	1	85	1	2
Larceny from MVs	126	4	94	3	4
Malicious Destruction	106	6	110	3	1

\*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest